(*d*) if so, the order passed by the Government on the petition; and

(*e*) the allowance paid now to the descendants of the deposed zamindar?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) It was rejected.

(*e*) Rupees 50 per mensem.

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR:—"With reference to clause (*c*), may I know the chief grounds in the petition for claiming the zamindari by the descendants of the zamindar?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"I must ask for notice. It was a long time ago that the correspondence took place and I am afraid I have not studied it."

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR:—"Is there any recent petition put in by the descendants of the zamindar?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"As far as I know, the last correspondence closed about 1912. The correspondence took place between the years 1908 and 1912."

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR:—"May I know whether any documents were produced along with the petition showing the petitioners' title to the property?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The hon. Member has replied that he does not remember any correspondence after 1912. That means he will apparently look into it hereafter."

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR:—"I will confine myself to the correspondence between 1908–1912.

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The hon. Member says that he has no information and that he cannot recollect it."

The RAJA OF RAMNAD:—"With reference to clause (*d*), it is stated that the petition was rejected. May I know if it was rejected for the only reason that there was no right as claimed by the petitioners or for any other reasons?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"The petition was rejected successively by this Government, by the Government of India and by the Secretary of State. I do not think these authorities set forth their reasons for rejecting it."

General.

Management of certain factories and properties belonging to the Basel Mission.

* 188 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what authority and control is exercised by the Local Government over the management by the Commonwealth Trust of certain factories and properties belonging to the Basel Mission; and

(*b*) what is the interest, if any, of the British Government in the said factories and properties?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) None.